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SUBJ: VISIT TO USSR OF U.S. GOVERNORS

REF: A. STATE 47455; B. LONDON 6454; C. MOSCOW 5666

1. RSFSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPS APRIL 30
GAVE EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER COPY OF DELEGATION'S
CURRENT PROGRAM, WHICH THEY SAID WAS ALSO SENT TO
DEPARTMENT VIA SOVIET EMBASSY. MOST OF ITINERARY SAME
AS CONTAINED REFTEL A WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

A. MAY 18 - COMPLETE REVISION. ARRIVAL TIMES
CONTAINED REFTEL B GIVEN SOVIET OFFICIALS APRIL 30.
EVENING PRTRAM TO BE ARRANGED.

B. MAY 19 - SOVIETS HAVE SCHEDULED A MORNING
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN
SOLDIER. THEY STRESS THAT THIS IS STRICTLY A SUG-
GESTED ACTIVITY, AND THAT THE DELEGATION SHOULD FEEL
FREE TO OMIT IT IF THEY WISH.

C. MAY 20 - SAME AS REFTEL A WITH INCLUSION OF
VISIT TO USA INSTITUTE.

D. MAY 21 THROUGH 26 - SCHEDULE SAME AS REFTEL A.

E. MAY 27 - DEPARTURE FROM LENINGRAD AT 1700;
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ARRIVAL MOSCOW 1820.

F. MAY 28 - A.M. VISIT ALL-UNION EXHIBITION OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. P.M. FREE TIME. EVENING RECEPTION BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF RSFSR.

G. MAY 29 - DEPARTURE 1330 VIA PA-45 FROM SHEREMETYEVO 1.

2. SOVIETS SUGGEST FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR WIVES WHILE IN MOSCOW (EMBOFF TOLD THAT EACH CITY IS PREPARING PROGRAM FOR WIVES): 1) VISIT TO TRETYAKOV GALLERY AFTERNOON MAY 19; 2) VISIT TO YOUNG PIONEER PALACE AFTERNOON MAY 20; 3) VISIT TO CHOREOGRAPHIC SCHOOL OF THE BOLSHOI THEATER AFTERNOON MAY 28.

3. DELEGATION'S TRAVEL WITHIN USSR WILL BE VIA CHARTERED TU-134.

4. RSFSR MFA OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT DELEGATION WILL BE STAYING IN SOVETSKAYA HOTEL WHILE IN MOSCOW, BUT THIS WILL BE KNOWN FOR CERTAIN ONLY SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL.

5. IN VIEW TRAVEL PLANS PARA 1-E ABOVE, PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED DATE FOR POSSIBLE SPASO RECEPTION (EVENING MAY 27) NOW SEEMS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR DELEGATION. THEREFORE, SUGGEST CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE BUFFET-LUNCHEON AT SPASO MAY 28. SUCH A FUNCTION FOR 100 PEOPLE WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$500; PLEASE ADVISE IF DELEGATION WILLING TO FUND.
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